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Select Committee in which Mr. Natesa Mudaliyar put forward his point of view and it was agreed on all hands that having regard to the pendency of the proceedings in the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly bearing upon Sir Maneckji Dadhabhai's resolution to the same effect the matter may be dropped at present."

IV

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" The House will now resume consideration of the Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919. On the last occasion when this Bill was under consideration, it had before it the amendment moved by the Hon'ble the Home Member Sir Lionel Davidson to clause 4. The amendment was to omit from the explanation in sub-clause (1) the words 'thereof' or 'a portion thereof' and the words 'at cost price' or 'at less than or more than the cost price'. That was the amendment which was under discussion. The further consideration of the Bill was adjourned to this day."

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU :—" Sir, I beg to move that the consideration of this may be taken up after lunch to-day."

The Hon'ble Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

V

A BILL TO AMEND THE COURT FEES ACT, 1870.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Mr. President, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Court Fees Act, 1870. I further move, Sir, that the Bill as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration."

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I shall now submit the Bill clause by clause for the consideration of the House. The preamble will lie over until we have finished the clauses."

CLAUSE 1.

Amendment 1.

Mr. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'1. *In sub-clause (a) insert the word "Temporary" before the word "Amendment".*'

" It has been explained by the Hon'ble the Law Member that there will be a deficit of 105 lakhs and the taxation Bills yield a revenue of 77 lakhs. The deficit can only be temporary, and I do not think we shall be justified in passing this measure permanently now, because we are not sure what the financial condition of the province will be next year. There is the probability of a remission of a sum of one crore of rupees of our contribution to the Government of India. Moreover, Government have not made sufficient attempts to effect retrenchment, and what retrenchment they have so far made is more or less a paper retrenchment. Besides, Sir, if it is found necessary at the end of the next year, we can extend the period of the Bill. I commend my amendment to the House."